

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MARSHALL DIVISION**

SPORTSCASTR INC.	§	
(d/b/a PANDA INTERACTIVE),	§	
<i>Plaintiff,</i>	§	
	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:23-CV-00472-JRG
SPORTRADAR GROUP, AG, and	§	(LEAD CASE)
SPORTRADAR AG,	§	
<i>Defendants.</i>	§	

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SPORTSCASTR INC.	§	
(d/b/a PANDA INTERACTIVE),	§	
<i>Plaintiff,</i>	§	
	§	
v.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:23-CV-00471-JRG
GENIUS SPORTS LTD.	§	(MEMBER CASE)
<i>Defendant.</i>	§	

**ORDER**

The above-captioned cases are hereby **ORDERED** to be **CONSOLIDATED** for all pretrial issues with Case No. 2:23-cv-00472 designated as the LEAD CASE. All parties are instructed to file any future filings in the LEAD CASE. Individual cases remain active for trial.

The Clerk is instructed to add Genius Sports Ltd. into the Lead Case and its corresponding Lead and Local Counsel only. Additional counsel may file a Notice of Appearance in the Lead Case if they wish to continue as counsel of record in the lead consolidated action. Counsel who have appeared *pro hac vice* in the member case may file a Notice of Appearance in the Lead Case without filing an additional application to appear *pro hac vice* in the Lead Case. Counsel who have not appeared in the member case at the point when it is consolidated into the Lead Case should file a Notice of Appearance only in the Lead Case.

The Court further **VACATES** the operative Docket Control Orders, Discovery Orders, and Protective Order entered in both Cases, with such vacating to be effective upon replacement orders as required herein being approved and entered by the Court. (No. 2:23-cv-00471-JRG, Dkt. Nos. 53, 21, 27; No. 2:23-cv-00472-JRG, Dkt. No. 26, 25, 29.)

The Court also **DENIES WITHOUT PREJUDICE** the following motions, which are pending before the Court:

- The Joint Motion to Amend the Docket Control Order filed by Defendants, Sportradar Group, AG and Sportradar AG, and Plaintiff SportsCastr Inc. (Case No. 2:23-cv-00472-JRG, Dkt. No. 70);
- Plaintiff's Opposed Motion for Entry of ESI Order filed by Plaintiff SportsCastr Inc. (Case No. 2:23-cv-00471-JRG, Dkt. No. 46);
- The Joint Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint and Modify the Docket Control Order filed by Plaintiff SportsCastr Inc. and Defendant Genius Sports Ltd. (Case No. 2:23-cv-00471-JRG, Dkt. No. 55); and
- The Joint Motion for Entry of ESI Order filed by Plaintiff SportsCastr Inc. and Defendant Genius Sports Ltd. (Case No. 2:23-cv-00471-JRG, Dkt. No. 58).

Before the Court are also several motions to compel. (*See* Case No. 2:23-cv-00471-JRG, Dkt. Nos. 49, 51, 57; Case No. 2:23-cv-00472, Dkt. Nos. 52, 54.) The Court hereby **ORDERS** the respective parties to meet and confer telephonically regarding the status of these disputes between them. The Court further **ORDERS** the parties in Case No. 2:23-cv-471 to submit a joint status report not to exceed five (5) pages regarding the status of Dkt. Nos. 51 and 57 within 10 days from the issuances of this Order. Likewise, the Court **ORDERS** the parties in Case No. 2:23-cv-472 to submit a joint status report not to exceed five (5) pages regarding the status of Dkt. No. 52 within 10 days from the issuances of this Order. Additionally, the Court **ORDERS** the parties in both cases to submit a joint status report not to exceed five (5) pages regarding the status of Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Production of Documents Related to Relationship Between Sportradar and Genius within 10 days from the issuances of this Order.

Furthermore, the parties shall prepare and submit a proposed discovery order and a proposed protective order, within the time periods contained in the schedule set forth hereinafter.<sup>1</sup> These orders shall be guided by the sample discovery and protective orders for patent cases, which can be found on the Court's website. The sample orders include provisions that require input from the parties. If the parties are unable to reach agreement on these provisions, then the parties shall submit to the Court their competing proposals along with a summary of their disagreements in a single joint submission.

The sample orders include provisions that are mandatory and are not subject to change without showing good cause. Good cause shall not be considered to be met simply by an indication of the parties' mutual agreement. Should any party believe good cause can be shown to alter an otherwise mandatory provision, then such party shall file a separate motion to alter the provision after the parties have filed the proposed docket control and discovery orders with the mandatory provisions intact as previously required above.

Furthermore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the following schedule of deadlines is in effect until further order of this Court:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>
November 7, 2025	*Jury Selection – 9:00 a.m. in <b>Marshall, Texas</b>
7 days before Jury Selection	*Defendant to disclose final invalidity theories, final prior art references/combinations, and final equitable defenses with notice of the same filed with the Court. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Timely submission of the parties' proposed docket control order, proposed discovery order and proposed protective order will be viewed by the Court as complying with the conference requirement of Rule 26(f).

<sup>2</sup> The proposed DCO shall include this specific deadline. The deadline shall read, "7 days before Jury Selection," and shall not include a specific date.

Date:	Event:
10 days before Jury Selection	*Plaintiff to disclose final election of Asserted Claims with notice of the same filed with the Court. <sup>3</sup>
October 10, 2025	* If a juror questionnaire is to be used, an editable (in Microsoft Word format) questionnaire shall be jointly submitted to the Deputy Clerk in Charge by this date. <sup>4</sup>
October 6, 2025	*Pretrial Conference – 9:00 a.m. in <b>Marshall, Texas</b> before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
September 26, 2025	*Notify Court of Agreements Reached During Meet and Confer  The parties are ordered to meet and confer on any outstanding objections or motions <i>in limine</i> . The parties shall advise the Court of any agreements reached no later than 1:00 p.m. three (3) business days before the pretrial conference.
September 26, 2025	*File Joint Pretrial Order, Joint Proposed Jury Instructions, Joint Proposed Verdict Form, Responses to Motions <i>in Limine</i> , Updated Exhibit Lists, Updated Witness Lists, and Updated Deposition Designations
September 19, 2025	*File Notice of Request for Daily Transcript or Real Time Reporting.  If a daily transcript or real time reporting of court proceedings is requested for trial, the party or parties making said request shall file a notice with the Court and e-mail the Court Reporter, Shawn McRoberts, at shawn_microberts@txed.uscourts.gov.
September 12, 2025	File Motions <i>in Limine</i>  The parties shall limit their motions <i>in limine</i> to issues that if improperly introduced at trial would be so prejudicial that the Court could not alleviate the prejudice by giving appropriate instructions to the jury.
September 12, 2025	Serve Objections to Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures

<sup>3</sup> Given the Court's past experiences with litigants dropping claims and defenses during or on the eve of trial, the Court is of the opinion that these additional deadlines are necessary. The proposed DCO shall include this specific deadline. The deadline shall read, "10 days before Jury Selection," and shall not include a specific date.

<sup>4</sup> The Parties are referred to the Court's Standing Order Regarding Use of Juror Questionnaires in Advance of *Voir Dire*.

Date:	Event:
September 5, 2025	Serve Objections to Pretrial Disclosures; and Serve Rebuttal Pretrial Disclosures
August 22, 2025	Serve Pretrial Disclosures (Witness List, Deposition Designations, and Exhibit List) by the Party with the Burden of Proof
August 22, 2025	*Response to Dispositive Motions (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions). Responses to dispositive motions that were filed <u>prior</u> to the dispositive motion deadline, including <i>Daubert</i> Motions, shall be due in accordance with Local Rule CV-7(e), not to exceed the deadline as set forth in this Docket Control Order. <sup>5</sup> Motions for Summary Judgment shall comply with Local Rule CV-56.
August 8, 2025	*File Motions to Strike Expert Testimony (including <i>Daubert</i> Motions)  No motion to strike expert testimony (including a <i>Daubert</i> motion) may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.
August 8, 2025	*File Dispositive Motions  No dispositive motion may be filed after this date without leave of the Court.  <u>Motions shall comply with Local Rule CV-56 and Local Rule CV-7. Motions to extend page limits will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances require more than agreement among the parties.</u>
July 25, 2025	Deadline to Complete Expert Discovery
July 11, 2025	Serve Disclosures for Rebuttal Expert Witnesses
June 20, 2025	Deadline to Complete Fact Discovery and File Motions to Compel Discovery
June 20, 2025	Serve Disclosures for Expert Witnesses by the Party with the Burden of Proof
May 30, 2025	Comply with P.R. 3-7 (Opinion of Counsel Defenses)

<sup>5</sup> The parties are directed to Local Rule CV-7(d), which provides in part that “[a] party’s failure to oppose a motion in the manner prescribed herein creates a presumption that the party does not controvert the facts set out by movant and has no evidence to offer in opposition to the motion.” If the deadline under Local Rule CV 7(e) exceeds the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions, the deadline for Response to Dispositive Motions controls.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>
May 9, 2025	*Claim Construction Hearing – 9:00 a.m. in <b>Marshall, Texas</b> before Judge Rodney Gilstrap
April 18, 2025	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(d) (Joint Claim Construction Chart)
April 11, 2025	*Comply with P.R. 4-5(c) (Reply Claim Construction Brief)
April 4, 2025	Comply with P.R. 4-5(b) (Responsive Claim Construction Brief)
March 21, 2025	Comply with P.R. 4-5(a) (Opening Claim Construction Brief) and Submit Technical Tutorials (if any)  Good cause must be shown to submit technical tutorials after the deadline to comply with P.R. 4-5(a).
March 21, 2025	Deadline to Substantially Complete Document Production and Exchange Privilege Logs  Counsel are expected to make good faith efforts to produce all required documents as soon as they are available and not wait until the substantial completion deadline.
March 7, 2025	Comply with P.R. 4-4 (Deadline to Complete Claim Construction Discovery)
February 28, 2025	File Response to Amended Pleadings
February 14, 2025	*File Amended Pleadings  It is not necessary to seek leave of Court to amend pleadings prior to this deadline unless the amendment seeks to assert additional patents.
February 7, 2025	Comply with P.R. 4-3 (Joint Claim Construction Statement)
January 17, 2025	Comply with P.R. 4-2 (Exchange Preliminary Claim Constructions)
December 20, 2024	Comply with P.R. 4-1 (Exchange Proposed Claim Terms)
December 9, 2024	Comply with Standing Order Regarding Subject-Matter Eligibility Contentions <sup>6</sup>
December 9, 2024	Comply with P.R. 3-3 & 3-4 (Invalidity Contentions)

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.txed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/judgeFiles/EDTX%20Standing%20Order%20Re%20Subject%20Matter%20Eligibility%20Contentions%20.pdf> [<https://perma.cc/RQN2-YU5P>]

Date:	Event:
November 1, 2024	<p>*File Proposed Protective Order and Comply with Paragraphs 1 &amp; 3 of the Discovery Order (Initial and Additional Disclosures)</p> <p>The Proposed Protective Order shall be filed as a separate motion with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.</p>
November 1, 2024	<p>*File Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order</p> <p>The Proposed Docket Control Order and Proposed Discovery Order shall be filed as separate motions with the caption indicating whether or not the proposed order is opposed in any part.</p>

(\*) indicates a deadline that cannot be changed without an acceptable showing of good cause. Good cause is not shown merely by indicating that the parties agree that the deadline should be changed.

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**Mediation:** While certain cases may benefit from mediation, such may not be appropriate for every case. The Court finds that the Parties are best suited to evaluate whether mediation will benefit the case after the issuance of the Court’s claim construction order. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** the Parties to file a Joint Notice indicating whether the case should be referred for mediation **within fourteen days of the issuance of the Court’s claim construction order.** As a part of such Joint Notice, the Parties should indicate whether they have a mutually agreeable mediator for the Court to consider. If the Parties disagree about whether mediation is appropriate, the Parties should set forth a brief statement of their competing positions in the Joint Notice.

**Summary Judgment Motions, Motions to Strike Expert Testimony, and Daubert Motions:** For each motion, the moving party shall provide the Court with two (2) hard copies of the completed briefing (opening motion, response, reply, and if applicable, sur-reply), excluding exhibits, in D-three-ring binders, appropriately tabbed. All documents shall be single-sided and must include the CM/ECF header. These copies shall be delivered to the Court within three (3) business days after briefing has completed. For expert-related motions, complete digital copies of the relevant expert report(s) and accompanying exhibits shall be submitted on a single flash drive to the Court. Complete digital copies of the expert report(s) shall be delivered to the Court no later than the dispositive motion deadline.

**Indefiniteness:** In lieu of early motions for summary judgment, the parties are directed to include any arguments related to the issue of indefiniteness in their *Markman* briefing, subject to the local rules’ normal page limits.

**Lead Counsel:** The Parties are directed to Local Rule CV-11(a)(1), which provides that “[o]n the first appearance through counsel, each party shall designate a lead attorney on the

pleadings or otherwise.” Additionally, once designated, a party’s lead attorney may only be changed by the filing of a Motion to Change Lead Counsel and thereafter obtaining from the Court an Order granting leave to designate different lead counsel. The true lead counsel should be designated early and should not expect to parachute in as lead once the case has been largely developed.

**Motions for Continuance:** The following will not warrant a continuance nor justify a failure to comply with the discovery deadline:

- (a) The fact that there are motions for summary judgment or motions to dismiss pending;
- (b) The fact that one or more of the attorneys is set for trial in another court on the same day, unless the other setting was made prior to the date of this order or was made as a special provision for the parties in the other case;
- (c) The failure to complete discovery prior to trial, unless the parties can demonstrate that it was impossible to complete discovery despite their good faith effort to do so.

**Amendments to the Docket Control Order (“DCO”):** Any motion to alter any date on the DCO shall take the form of a motion to amend the DCO. The motion to amend the DCO shall include a proposed order that lists all of the remaining dates in one column (as above) and the proposed changes to each date in an additional adjacent column (if there is no change for a date the proposed date column should remain blank or indicate that it is unchanged). In other words, the DCO in the proposed order should be complete such that one can clearly see all the remaining deadlines and the changes, if any, to those deadlines, rather than needing to also refer to an earlier version of the DCO.


**Proposed DCO:** The Parties’ Proposed DCO should also follow the format described above under “Amendments to the Docket Control Order (‘DCO’).”

**Joint Pretrial Order:** In the contentions of the Parties included in the Joint Pretrial Order, the Plaintiff shall specify all allegedly infringed claims that will be asserted at trial. The Plaintiff shall also specify the nature of each theory of infringement, including under which subsections of 35 U.S.C. § 271 it alleges infringement, and whether the Plaintiff alleges divided infringement or infringement under the doctrine of equivalents. Each Defendant shall indicate the nature of each theory of invalidity, including invalidity for anticipation, obviousness, subject-matter eligibility, written description, enablement, or any other basis for invalidity. The Defendant shall also specify each prior art reference or combination of references upon which the Defendant shall rely at trial, with respect to each theory of invalidity. Other than as set forth in the above deadlines, the contentions of the Parties may not be amended, supplemented, or dropped without leave of the Court based upon a showing of good cause. The Parties in a case which has been consolidated for pre-trial purposes and which is moving towards a separate trial on the merits (subsequent to pre-trial) shall file, as an exhibit to the parties’ Joint Pretrial Order, a list identifying all docket entries from the lead case that relate to the applicable member case.

**Trial:** All parties must appear in person at trial. All non-individual (including but not limited to corporate) parties must appear at trial through the presence in person of a designated representative. Once they have appeared, any representative of a non-individual party shall not be replaced or substituted without express leave of Court.



**So ORDERED and SIGNED this 11th day of October, 2024.**

  
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RODNEY GILSTRAP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE